the performance of technology mission on drinking water;

(b) if so, whether any serious slippages have been observed in its progress;

(c) whether all the State Governments have prepared their sub-mission documents in accordance with the required schedule; and

(d) if not, the States which have failed in this respect and the action taken by Government to achieve the target by the end of the Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) Performance of Technology Mission on Drinking Water was recently reviewed in the Conference of Ministers, Secretaries and Chief Engineers Incharge of Rural Water Supply held at New Delhi on 13th and 14 October, 1988.

(b) There is no serious slippage. But the progress in implementation of some of the Mini Mission Project Areas (districts) is slow for various reasons. But all the Mini Missions have now completed their project.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Except the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, the Sub Missions documents are awaited from the remaining States. However, activities on Sub Missions have already started in all States. Action Plan has been finalised in respect of States/UTs for coverage of residual problem villages in 1988-89 and 1989-90. Except for 3347 problem villages in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Mizoram, Meghalaya, J. & K. and Nagaland which are likely to spill over to the Eighth Plan, all other problem villages will be covered with safe drinking water facilities by the end of Seventh Plan.

Demand and production of Aluminium

2706. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of aluminium in the country at present;

(b) how much quantity of aluminium is needed for consumption in the country every year and what has been the shortfall in the last five years and the resultant imports during the same period;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government propose to stop its import from the next year; and

(d) if so, the manner in which Government propose to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) During 1988-89, the total production of primary aluminium in the country is expected to be around 3,60,000 tonnes.

(b) The total availability of aluminium from 1984-85 to 1988-89 is as under:

(in 000' tonnes)

Year	Indigenous production	Imports by MMTC	Total availability
1984-85	276	47	323
1985-86	265	20	285
1986-87	257	65	322
1987-88	278	55	333
1988-89 (estimated)	360	..	360

(c) and (d) With the progressive increase in the production of aluminium metal by National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), surplus availability of aluminium is anticipated next year. However, import of aluminium including aluminium rods have been placed on Open General Licence (OGL) with marginal level of customs duty of Rs. 500/- per tonne from July, 1988.

Back-ground papers on rural development

2707. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any background papers have been prepared on rural development;

(b) whether any scheme on the lines of the scheme existing in Maharashtra has also been prepared; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (c) Background papers on various issues relating to rural development are prepared from time to time by the Department of Rural Development for their internal use as well as for discussions in meetings, seminars, workshops etc. No final scheme on National Employment Guarantee on the pattern of existing employment Guarantee Scheme of Maharashtra has however, been formulated by the Government.

Central Scheme on environmental improvement of urban slums

2708. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Scheme on environmental improvement of urban slums during the Seventh Plan period is going on according to the target fixed;

(b) if so, what is the number of total slum dwellers who have been provided amenities under the Central Scheme; and

(c) what are the names of the States where slum dwellers have been provided these amenities and the target fixed and whether by the end of Seventh Five Year Plan period, the slum dwellers all over the country are proposed to be provided with such environmental improvements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) As against 7th Plan target of coverage of about 9 million slum dwellers under the State sector Scheme of Environment Improvement of Urban Slums, about 5.74 million slum dwellers have been covered in the first three years of the plan which is considered satisfactory progress. A statement showing State-wise physical targets and achievements under the Scheme during the first three years of the Plan is enclosed. (See Appendix CXL-VIII, Annexure No. 119).

The 7th Plan target of coverage slum dwellers is likely to be achieved. The balance slum dwellers, not covered till the end of 7th Plan, would have to be taken care of in the subsequent plans.

Indo Jordan co-operation agreement on manpower

2709. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Jordan propose to formalise an agreement defining co-operation in manpower related affairs;

(b) if so, whether the Labour Minister of India visited Jordan during September; and